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**FORMER FUGITIVE SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS IMPRISONMENT
FOR USING THE INTERNET TO SOLICIT TWO MINOR GIRLS**

FRESNO - United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that JACK DAVIS CARTER, 48, of Houston, Texas, was sentenced by United States District Judge Oliver W. Wanger to a five-year federal prison term for his conviction of using the Internet to attempt to commit lewd acts with two minor children. His sentence will require him to register as a sex offender, and he will be on supervised release for an additional fifteen years during which his access to children and the internet will be restricted.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney David Gappa who prosecuted the case, CARTER admitted that he used the Internet from approximately November 18, 2003, through December 5, 2003, in an attempt to meet, whom he believed to be, an 8-year old girl and a 10-year old girl for purposes of engaging in lewd acts with them and an adult female caretaker. He admitted that he traveled from his residence in Houston, Texas to Sacramento, California with the intention of meeting the adult female and two minor girls in Turlock, California. However, he in fact was communicating with an undercover detective with the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department. During the course of a state prosecution related to that activity, CARTER became a fugitive.

A grand jury in Fresno returned an indictment against CARTER on October 28, 2004, and a federal warrant for his arrest was issued. He was eventually located in Jakarta, Indonesia, and returned to Fresno on August 30, 2005. His return to the United States was the culmination of an extensive international search coordinated by the United States Marshals Service and the Central Valley Joint Fugitive Task Force based in Fresno. The United States and Indonesia do not have an extradition treaty. As a result, the United States Department of Justice, Office of International Affairs, INTERPOL, and the U.S. State Department played integral roles in coordinating CARTER's return to the United States. Once CARTER was located in Jakarta, United States Department of State Diplomatic Security Service officials worked with Indonesian authorities who arrested him and deported him from that country to Guam. From there, the Marshals Service secured his return to Fresno.

U.S. Attorney Scott reiterated: "The message cannot be any more clear: if an offender is prosecuted for attempting to sexually exploit a child or attempts to evade justice, we will not rest until he or she is found." He acknowledged the many agencies which contributed assistance in securing CARTER's return to Fresno. The list includes the following Marshals Service field

offices: Dayton, Ohio; Austin, Texas; Wilmington, North Carolina; and the district office in Guam. The Marshal Service's Investigative Services Division, Financial Surveillance Unit, and Office of International Affairs also provided key assistance. The Marshals Service received help from the Federal Bureau of Investigation field office in Wilmington, North Carolina, and a North Carolina state probation office. Assistance was also provided by the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department Internet Crimes Against Children Unit, and the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in Fresno.

CARTER will still face prosecution by the Texas Attorney General's Office, Cyber Crimes Unit. According to information provided by that office, between November and December 2003 CARTER used the Internet to arrange a meeting for sex with a person he believed to be a 14-year-old girl, but who was actually an undercover investigator. On June 3, 2004, the Harris County District Attorney's Office in Houston obtained an indictment against CARTER for criminal solicitation of a child, a third-degree felony in Texas, with a punishment ranging from 2 to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

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